

Shrewsbury Commission on Disabilities  
Minutes, February 11, 2003

Chairman John Harris called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall.

Along with Mr. Harris, in attendance were Gail Sokolowski, Jerry Berrier, Joe Bellil, and Town manager Daniel Morgado. Emily Gerber was unable to attend.

Mr. Bellil moved and Ms. Sokolowski seconded to approve The minutes from our January meeting as written. (Mr. Berrier had distributed them prior to the meeting via E-mail.)

Town Liaison Report:

Mr. Morgado updated us regarding a number of issues currently in progress.

He has recently written letters to Firestone and to Shaws Supermarket regarding access issues.

Mr. Morgado will send a letter to Barry Shore thanking him for arranging for parking lot snow removal.

Announcements:

Mr. Berrier said he plans to attend a legislative breakfast on March 14 at 8:00 A.M. being held at the Shrewsbury Library in support of the Worcester Braille and Talking Book Library.

Website:

Ms. Sokolowski will contact Stephanie Janis to discuss putting an interactive complaint form on our web page that would, when submitted by a resident, automatically be forwarded to the ADA Coordinator, Mr. Morgado.

Mr. Harris reported that he and Ms. Sokolowski attended the recent budget hearing with the Finance Committee and communicated our hopes and plans for the coming year.

Outreach: Mr. Berrier said he has received no response from fire department officials regarding a possible public emergency preparedness program geared toward seniors and people with disabilities. He will follow up.

We discussed subsidized parking issues at Frances Gardens, but we agreed that it is outside our scope.

We discussed recommending a bylaw that would penalize businesses who fail to maintain accessible parking spaces during the winter. We decided not to pursue it.

Our next meeting will be on March 11, 2003.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully,

Jerry Berrier, Secretary